

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Johnson et al.)
Application No.: 10/623,957) Examiner: David C. Comstock
) Art Unit 3733
Filed: July 21, 2003) Confirmation No. 6059
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TISSUE DISTRACTION DEVICE) December 20, 2006

AMENDMENT AFTER FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006, please consider the following amendment and response. This response is being filed within the initial three-month period for response (to and including December 21, 2006) so it is believed that no extensions of time or fees are due. However, the Commissioner is requested to provide any extensions that may be necessary and is authorized to deduct any necessary fees from Deposit Account 13-0014.